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1. The Materialamt 3 Pirna (Office for Material) was in the former insane asylum at Sonnenstein Castle near Pirna in the Summer of 1952. A stamp carrying this designation was seen on an application form for a weekly railroad ticket to be issued to personnel of the Materialamt.
2. [redacted]
[redacted] basic preparations for the production of aircraft in East Germany were done there and [redacted] 40,000 Russian sketches were to be translated into German, and that these documents were kept in a specially guarded building with barred windows. [redacted] translating design plans for aircraft. [redacted] translation of these documents, which was to be completed by late December or early January 1953, would probably not be completed before Easter 1953, because most of the translators did not have the technical qualifications. [redacted]
[redacted]
3. The German personnel, which was estimated at 500 persons, included the director, the department chief, the deputy, the personnel chief, engineers, about 20 translators, draftsmen and workers and employees.³ The Soviet staff consisted of two air force officers and about eight civilian engineers. The organizational setup was not determined. Houses and offices were marked by numbers only. Source knew the following persons by name:
Engineer Tops (fnu), [redacted] chief director of the Warnemuende shipyard
Hornow (fnu), department chief
Hetze (fnu), deputy
Rudolph (fnu), chief personnel, was allegedly to be transferred

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Glueckauf (fnu), translator from the Berlin Ministry [redacted] 25X1

Engineer Wenzel (fnu)

Engineer Rosner (fnu), expert for aircraft, who had worked in the USSR for a period of five years. [redacted]

Fritz Klapproth [redacted] 25X1

Engineer Mirke (fnu), a ship builder from Stettin, expert for ship turbines; he came from Barnemuende and was to become director of the Neptun Shipyard. 25X1

Hock (fnu), translator, came from a Berlin HQ office

Buchenhain (fnu) 25X1

Lehmann (fnu), translator from Leipzig [redacted]

Friderice (fnu), translator from Leipzig.

Mrs. Frenzel (fnu), [redacted] translator from the Berlin Ministry 25X1

Miss Bergschicker (fnu), [redacted] from Berlin or Leipzig 25X1

Miss Orlamene (fnu), [redacted] 25X1

Miss Korb (fnu), [redacted] from Leipzig 25X1

Mrs. Seydlitz (fnu), [redacted] came from Jena. 25X1

Mrs. Popoff (fnu), [redacted] came from Kowno and had worked at Dessau on the construction of railroad cars. 25X1

4. A specially fenced-in building at the western border of the area was occupied by about 200 men who, by the insignias on their uniforms, were identified as VFL members. Since men of this unit were seen at the gate, [redacted] a guard unit was concerned. 25X1
5. The office at Sonnenstein Castle, designated "Materialamt-Pirna-Sonnenstein", was subordinate to the Ministry for Construction.¹ At the end of February 1953, the personnel included about 250 people. Work orders were not received by the office. It was believed that the Materialamt acted as a collecting point for aviation engineers and was in close contact with an office at Dessau.
6. It was rumored that, in the future, remote controlled AA missiles would be designed at the Materialamt. The equipment, however, was not available yet, not even for designing work. According to other rumors, turbojet engines were being constructed at Dessau. Returnees from the USSR working at the Materialamt had come from Upravlenchesky Gorodok near Kuibyshev.
7. Ten apartment houses, each for 25 to 30 families were completed and five additional apartment houses were under construction. Source stated that there would be billets for a total of 1,500 persons. When the construction work was discontinued in February 1953, quarters for about 400 workers or employees were completed. Two offices were located at the fence outside of the plant area.
8. Source prepared a layout sketch of Sonnenstein Castle.²

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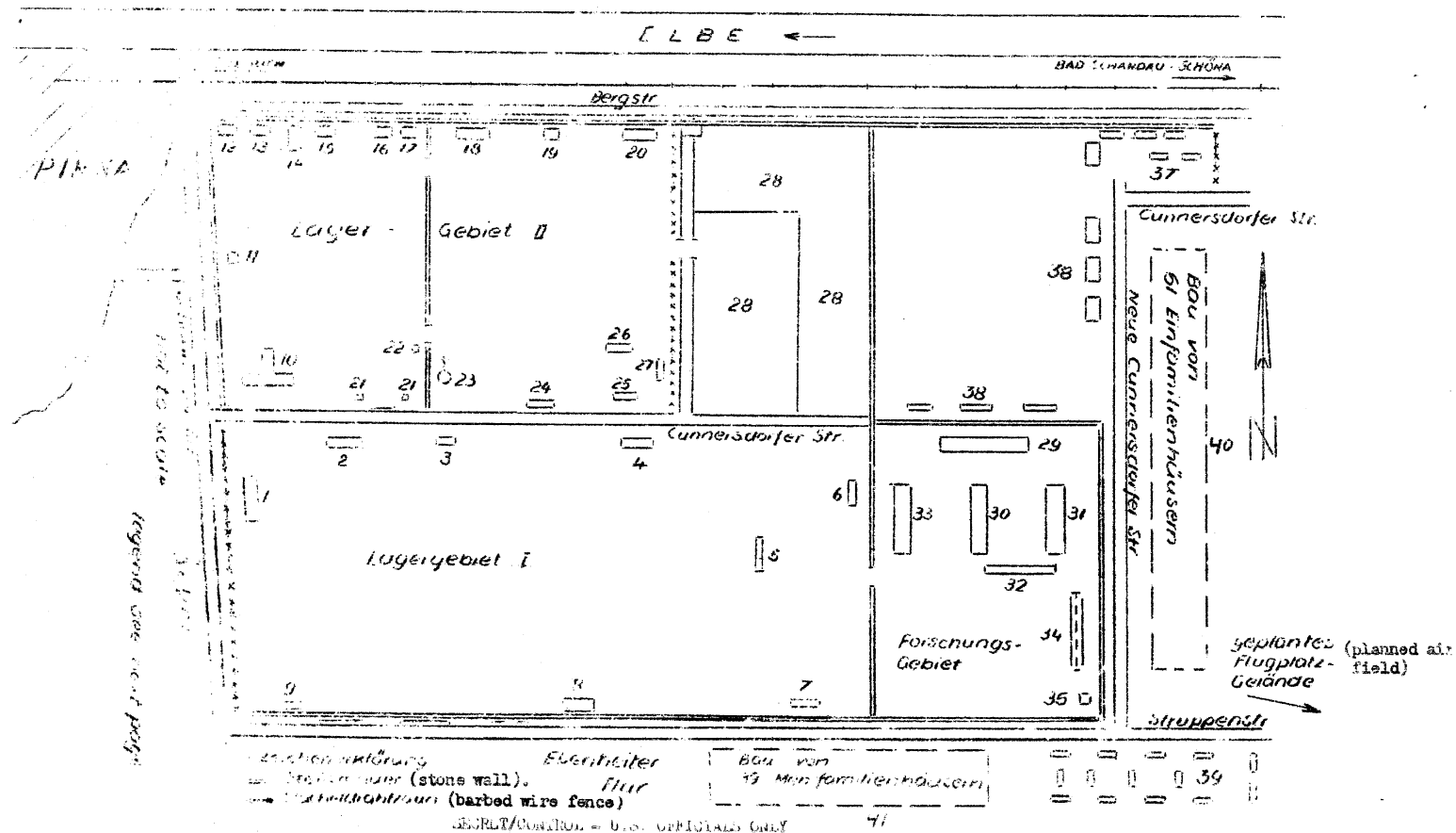
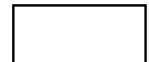
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1. [] Comment. According to another report, the Materialamt at Pirna is subordinate to the newly established Ministry for Agricultural Machines and Means of Transportation. [] The translation of the design plans of a Soviet aircraft which apparently is to be produced at Dessau, is probably only part of the activities of the Materialamt. Available information indicates that research and development activities cannot have started yet at Sonnenstein Castle, and that the equipment required for this work is also not available.
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2. [] Comment. See Annex for layout sketch of Sonnenstein Castle.
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3. [] Comment: The translation of the German word Angestellte which, in Germany, is used to describe white collar employees, as opposed to the term Arbeiter, used to describe employees engaged in manual labor.

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Legend:

Lagergebiet I (storage area I)

- 1 Garages
- 2 Single-story brick building
- 3 " "
- 4 " "
- 5 Kitchen, mess hall and club rooms
- 6 Dispensary
- 7 Three-story brick building
- 8 Administration
- 9 Three-story brick building

Lagergebiet I is protected by a stone wall, 2.5 meters high, in the south, a barbed wire fence which is to be replaced by a wall in the west, a small wire fence along former Cannertsdorferstrasse in the north and a wall secured by four barbed wires in the east.

Lagergebiet II (subdivided by a stone wall into two sections)

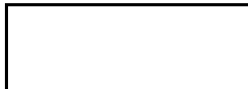
- 10 Sonnenstein Castle, administration for the entire area including the research area.
- 11 Small shed with garages
- 12 Canteen
- 13 Four-story building, occupied by VP
- 14 " " "
- 15 Four-story building with garages
- 16 Heating plant
- 17 Boiler house
- 18 Billots, occupied by VP
- 19 Gymnasium, used by the VP units stationed at the eastern and western part of the area
- 20 Billots, occupied by VP
- 21 Guard house
- 22 Laundry
- 23 Former church

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- 24 Delousing station
- 25 Bath house
- 26 Two-story billeting building
- 27 Three-story billeting building for VP officers
- 28 Garden

Research Area

- 29 Brick building
- 30 Brick building with laboratories
- 31 Glass hall (for design sketches)
- 32 Glass hall (" ")
- 33 Brick building under construction
- 34 Single-story brick building
- 35 Guard tower

The research area is to be entered from Lagergebiet I. It is surrounded by a brick wall, 3 meters high, with four barbed wire bracings.

- 36 Houses outside the camp area, occupied by civilians
- 37 Houses, temporarily occupied by employees of the research area.
- 38 " " "
- 39 Multi-story buildings for employees and workers of the research institute
- 40 61 houses under construction, each for one family
- 41 39 apartment houses under construction.

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East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

Bauunion Nordost in the Area of Amneegruppe Nord

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 10 August 1953

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REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1

- From 19 to 22 June 1953, the managing director and several representatives of the technical directorate of Bauunion Nordost were at the Ministry of the Interior which prepared a new list of items for Bauunion Nordost. The new plan quota amounted to about 65,000,000 eastmarks which were to be spent for the completion of the installations in the area of Torgelow, the dwellings in the area of Torgelow and Prenzlau as far as their bare structures were available, the construction of a sewage system in the area of Torgelow and Prenzlau, the construction of lean-to roof at all installations except Object No IX in Spechtberg and the construction of car washing ramps and fuel stations at all installation. The remainder of the amount was scheduled to be spent on the construction of dwellings in the area of Berlin. The management was promised at the conference that Bauunion Nordost would remain under the control of the Ministry of the Interior. 1
- Source learned in conjunction with the conference mentioned in paragraph 1 that all military building projects of Bauunion Nord would be suspended. The Bauunion was scheduled to be dissolved or be blended into Bauunion Stralsund. Several dwellings under construction were scheduled to be taken over by Bauunion Nordost and were to be completed as bare structures which would not be stuccoed immediately. Source also learned that Bauunion Kueste would be dissolved. 1
- When General Hermann Bentzsch inspected the construction staff, source learned that the installations of Object No VIII in Karpin would be occupied as follows:

Section A : The heavy mortar regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Waterstraat which had previously been quartered in the OOD camp and an engineer battalion which allegedly would come from Spechtberg.

Section B : One artillery regiment and one motorcycle rifle battalion from Prenzlau.

Section C : The 1st Meck Regt under the command of Major Stechbarth (fnn) which was at the summer camp at present.

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Section D : The 2d Mecz Regt under the command of Major Franke (fmu) which was at the summer camp at present.

Section E : The 3d Mecz Regt which was commanded by Major Kirchner (fmu). 2

4. A total of 45x152-mm guns lined in three rows each of 15 guns were in Jager (forest section) Nos 160, 161 and 162 south of the summer camp. The vehicles belonging to the guns were at the summer camp.
5. In early July, the C Firing Range was almost completed and was used. A 17-year old VP man was killed when during a firing practice the roof of a wooden bunker was torn off by a shell. 3

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1. Comment. Same source previously reported 65,000,000 eastmarks. See The planned dissolution of Baunior Nord and Baunior Kueste was confirmed by another source. See The projects mentioned call for a completion of installations and necessary supplementary constructions and omit new constructions which are not to be expected in the near future. It appears that the projects are largely to be maintained at and supplemented to the previous volume which is neither to be reduced nor enlarged.
- 25X1 2. Comment. The scheduled occupation is believed correct. The motorcycle rifle battalion is stationed in Eggesin, however, and not in Frenzlau. Elements at least of the mortar regiment are stationed at present in Altmuep. See 25X1
- 25X1 3. Comment. The tank firing range is a section of the firing range for all weapons except AAA and is located in the area of Jaegerbrueck.

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